

services rendered to the United States by the mothers of America have strengthened and inspired our Nation throughout history, and we honor the Gold Star Mothers of America for their courage and their strength.●

RECOGNIZING AUBURN MANUFACTURING, INCORPORATED

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I celebrate the vital work that a small business in my home State of Maine is doing to provide extreme temperature textiles to dozens of industries worldwide. Auburn Manufacturing, Incorporated—or AMI—of Mechanic Falls is a veritable leader in its field, and has been designing and manufacturing advanced industrial textiles since its inception in 1979.

Auburn Manufacturing's name is synonymous with quality and dependability because of its longstanding dedication to providing customers with products made using the most cutting-edge technologies. AMI develops and manufactures top-of-the-line products for welding protection, gasketing and sealing, and pipe and hose covering, as well as safety apparel like gloves and clothing. And the company's 48 employees make all of its products at the company's central Maine facility.

One of AMI's major new products is the Ever Green Cut 'n Wrap insulated cover. Designed for companies seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and heat loss while saving on energy costs, the custom-fit insulation blankets fit flexibly over valves and piping and reduce room temperatures for workers in extreme conditions. In fact, the Ever Green Cut 'n Wrap kits can reduce heat loss by over 85 percent, and they have a payback of less than 1 year. Last month, AMI received a seed grant from the Maine Technology Institute to help the company commercialize this forward-thinking, environmentally friendly product.

Additionally, earlier this year Auburn Manufacturing announced that it had received dual contracts to provide the U.S. Navy with the company's remarkable AMI-SIL fabrics that are used for hot work protection during the repair of naval ships. The Navy has certainly demonstrated its approval of this impressive product, having awarded AMI five contracts over the past 15 years to supply it with more than 1.25 million yards of fabric.

Another quality that makes AMI special is its status as a Women's Business Enterprise, a certification made by the highly regarded Women's Business Enterprise National Council. Additionally, AMI owner Kathie Leonard was recently named one of Mainebiz's 2009 Women to Watch. In my estimation, Kathie Leonard has been a woman to watch throughout her entire career. She founded AMI in 1979—at the age of 27—when she realized the vast potential of new heat-resistant fabrics which were developed to replace asbestos. Over the company's 30-year history,

Ms. Leonard has been a part of several major professional organizations both national and local, including the National Insulation Association and the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council, which she previously chaired. She readily admits that these connections have helped her company grow into the giant it is today.

The quality of AMI's numerous products afford its clients a sense of confidence that has solidified the company's status as a premier developer and manufacturer of extreme textiles nationwide. I congratulate Kathie Leonard and everyone at Auburn Manufacturing for the incredible work they do, and I wish them much success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1593. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System.

H.R. 2877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 76 Brookside Avenue in Chester, New York, as the "1st Lieutenant Louis Allen Post Office".

H.R. 3433. An act to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3476. An act to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission.

H.R. 3537. An act to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

H.R. 3606. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to make a technical correction to an amendment made by the Credit CARD Act of 2009.

H.R. 3689. An act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), the Speaker appoints from private life Ms. Lillie Coney of Washington, DC, as a member of the Election Assistance Commission of Advisors on the part of the House.

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 621. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1717. An act to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1016. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2997. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 965. An act to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1593. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 76 Brookside Avenue in Chester, New York, as the "1st Lieutenant Louis Allen Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3433. An act to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3476. An act to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3537. An act to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3689. An act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1776. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated: